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LIGHT AND POWER WITHIN THE DISTRICT OF HAMAKUA, TERRITORY OF HAWAII

JANUARY 15 (calendar day, JANUARY 16), 1925.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. WILLIS, from the Committee on Territories and Insular Possessions, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6070]

The Committee on Territories and Insular Possessions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6070) to authorize and provide for the manufacture, maintenance, distribution, and supply of electric current for light and power within the district of Hamakua, on the island and country of Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii, having considered the same, report to the Senate with the following amendment, and with the recommendation that as amended the bill do pass:

On page 5, line 7, insert a comma after the word "upon."

On page 5, lines 10 and 11, strike out the comma after the word "property" and the words "not to exceed 60 per centum of the actual value thereof" and the comma after the word "thereof."

Page 5, line 18, after the word "curity" insert a semicolon and the words "*And provided further*, That no mortgage or deed of trust shall be made by such association for an amount exceeding 60 per centum of the actual value of the physical property of such association as determined by appraisal of the public utilities commission of Hawaii"

Page 6, line 4, strike out the words "it is provided that."

Page 7, line 1, strike out all of section 12.

Page 7, line 8, strike out the figures "13" and insert the figures "12."

Page 7, line 15, strike out the figures "14" and insert the figures "13."

Page 8, line 1, strike out the figures "15" and insert the figures "14."

Page 8, line 11, strike out the words "by the Congress of the United" and insert a period after the word "act."

Page 8, line 12, strike out the word "States."

Page 8, line 13, strike out the figures "16" and insert the figures "15."

Page 9, line 6, strike out the words "the actual cost or."

Page 9, line 7, strike out the comma and the words "or the actual cost of reproducing or replacing it, less" and insert the words "at the time of the taking" followed by a period.

Page 9, line 8, strike out the words "depreciation and less the charges thereon."

Page 9, line 24, after the word "party," strike out the period, insert a comma, and insert the words "and the said court shall have power to confirm, decrease, or increase the said award."

Page 10, line 1, before the word "determination," insert the word "final."

Page 10, line 9, strike out the words "or the" and the comma after the words "United States."

Page 10, line 10, strike out the words "Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii" and the following comma.

Page 10, line 9, strike out the figures "17" and insert the figures "16."

Page 10, line 12, strike all of section 18.

This bill has been submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, whose reply relative thereto is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 15, 1925.

HON. FRANK B. WILLIS,

*Chairman Committee on Territories and Insular Possessions,
United States Senate.*

MY DEAR SENATOR WILLIS: Your letter of January 9, 1925, has been received inclosing, with request for report thereon, H. R. 6070, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session, entitled "A bill to authorize and provide for the manufacture, maintenance, distribution, and supply of electric current for light and power within the district of Hamakua, on the island and county of Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii."

The bill under consideration, which was passed by the House of Representatives June 2, 1924, appears to be drawn substantially along the lines of the act of the legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, entitled "An act to authorize and provide for the manufacture, maintenance, distribution, and supply of electric current for light and power within the district of Hamakua, on the island and county of Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii," which was approved by the governor May 2, 1923. (Session Laws of Hawaii, 1923, pp. 327-332.)

The franchise proposed to be conferred by the bill is not exclusive and the rates to be charged are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Hawaii.

I recommend the measure receive favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK

Your committee is of opinion that the bill as amended gives proper protection to the public interest and at the same time affords a workable and safe plan for the encouragement of needed improvements for the use of the public.

As pointed out in the letter from the Secretary of the Interior, the bill embodies substantially the provisions of an act passed by the Legislature of Hawaii.